

*medi
SEC*

Preliminary Inquiry Is Set on Talmadge

The Senate Ethics Committee will conduct a preliminary inquiry into reports that Sen. Herman Talmadge (D-Ga.) received gifts of cash, clothing and other goods from friends and political supporters during his years in office.

The committee chairman, Sen. Adlai Stevenson (D-Ill.), said yesterday the reports and Talmadge's own acknowledgment of the gifts would be brought up at the committee's next meeting June 8. Only former Sen. Thomas Dodd (D-Conn.) has been investigated formally by the committee. He was censured in the 1960s for personal use of political contributions.

Talmadge, who said he received small cash gifts over the years, called on the committee to "expeditiously determine" if he had done wrong. In a letter to the committee he said the gifts were unsolicited and were "gestures of friendship and affection."

file